

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Invention: PHOTOGRAPH AND CARD DISPLAY DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new utility application that is a continuation of serial number 10/064345. This amendment includes a request for the cancellation of claims and the addition of new claims.

Claims

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

Claim 6. (new) A photograph and card display device comprising:

a mounting bracket having a back plate with a vertical mounting surface and vertically spaced apart top and bottom mounting plates each having sides extending and converging outwardly from the back plate;

the top and bottom mounting plates each have a plurality of spaced apart openings along each side thereof, the openings being at increasing distances from the back plate as

the plates converge, the openings in the top mounting plate being vertically aligned with the openings in the bottom mounting plate;

pivot mounting members each having an upper end and a lower end with a vertically extending recess formed therein between the upper and lower ends;

vertically extending pivot pins extending outwardly from the upper and lower ends of each pivot mounting member, the pins being received in the vertically aligned openings in the top and bottom mounting plates;

a transparent and flexible display sleeve secured in the recess of each pivot mounting member, each display sleeve having a slot adapted to receive a photograph or card to be displayed so that a user can display and view each photograph or card merely by pivoting the display sleeves; and

magnets of suitable strength affixed to the back plate to provide for attachment of the device to a magnetic surface.

Claim 7.(new) The photograph and card display device of claim 6 in which each transparent and flexible display sleeve has a front panel and a rear panel with upper and lower edges, the lower edge of the front panel being joined to the lower edge of the rear panel to form an elongated U-shaped configuration open along the top edges of the panels so as to receive between the panels the photograph or card to be displayed.

Claim 8. (new) The photograph and card display device of claim 7 in which the pivot pins are comprised of a flexible material that provides for flexing of the pins a sufficient amount to allow each mounting member independently to be removed and replaced between the top and bottom mounting plates.